

# LIONS TASMANIA

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**Greetings Fellow Lions & Leos!** 

At the end of last month we lost a dear friend, **Lion Wynn Hansson**. Not only will Wynn be deeply missed by his family, but also by his Lions Family here in District T1.

### As Sargent-At-Arms/MC Wynn was one of those great Lions who helped make our 2020 Convention a resounding success.

I am getting good feedback from various Clubs, and I feel that we have 'turned the corner' and again are being truly active within our communities. I want the people that we serve to recognize us by what we do, and not by what we say!

One issue (or set of issues) that arose during the recent Cabinet meeting on 28th February is and concerning money assets dispersal following the South East ('Dunalley') fires. As most of those involved years ago are still active Lions, I have requested that the original committee be re-convened to report on the dispersal of the funds raised / donated and the assets that were accumulated. The facts about these issues need to established with a final accounting and report to cabinet before the next Cabinet meeting on May 23rd.

GMT Chair Linda and I have just returned from visiting the Lions Club of Flinders Island over the long weekend.

On Saturday they held a market at

the Whitemark Recreation Ground.

We assisted with a "Membership promotion/Lions Awareness Day" stand. Then on Sunday they fronted up again with their "Tour de Flinders" bicycle ride project. On the weekend before they held their annual Fishing Competition project!

The best way to promote Lions is to be seen to be active in <u>YOUR</u> community and have the knowledge to let the public know that we are indeed "Here to Serve".

**Congratulations to Latrobe Lions Club on their 50th Charter Anniversary.** Sadly, due to a Council of Governors' meeting to be held, we will be unable to attend. The Council of Governors' Meeting called will be the first that all District Governors of 2020-2021 and CC David will be meeting in person – Goodbye "Zoom", Hello Fellowship!

I am now working on visiting Clubs that I (or a Vice District Governor) have not visited – I apologize for this delay – feel free to contact me with your ideas and suggestions – like attendance at a weekend project such as a market or BBQ where we can meet the public and promote Lions Face-to-Face.



*Byron Dilworth* District Governor/MD201T1



# We Serve in communities big and

small. Responding to unique local needs is precisely what Lions do. It's what we've done for over 100 years. That's why when the world is experiencing hardship, Lions are there. Through the vibrancy of our global membership, innovation and hard work, Lions everywhere are providing much needed hope to so many communities. We are proud to be

# United in Kindness and Diversity.

"Great challenges test us, but they also bring us together. Lions are finding new ways to safely serve. Our Lions Clubs International Foundation has granted over one million dollars to help communities facing extreme rates of COVID-19, and additional grant requests are being received daily. Our communities depend on service clubs, and we will be there, supporting and strengthening them together."

– Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, Lions Clubs International President, 2019-2021.





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# ——Club News—

# Not every Paradise has Palm Trees and Pineapples – some have Geese!

Over the Labour Day long weekend, Linda and had our official overseas trip to Flinders Island, designed to coincide with two projects that were conducting. We arrived on the first flight Friday and left on the last flight Monday to maximize our time on this island paradise.

**Day 1 – Friday** – Linda and I were met at Flinders island Airport by *Lions President Alison Johnson and ZC9 Jeff "Boof" Harper*. They proudly showed us the Lions Club of Flinders Club (LCFI) Den and their recently acquired food/BBQ trailer. Linda and I then headed to the East coast are of Patriarch's Inlet where we hoped to see the Cape Barren Goose, but alas, I could not see any geese – the only goose I saw was by looking in the rear vision mirror! Then we drove back over to Emita where we visited Wybalenna Chapel and the Furneaux Museum. Then heading to Lady Barron via Whitemark where we stayed in a motel unit at the Furneaux Tavern.



Lions President Alison in the Lions' Den with some things for the Market Project

**Day 2 – Saturday** – Up bright and early and at 7:30 we were off to the Flinders Recreation Ground to set up the *"Lions Membership and Awareness Day"* stand at the *Flinders Island Lions Club market*.

Within 30 minutes of setting up we had a genuine enquiry for a lady, recently arrived on Flinders Island who already knew about the local Lions Club's great work on the island, but she was fearful that she may not be able to attend every meeting. Her worries were dispelled when we let her know that Lions now believe that it is what you can do for your community is most important – and that the strict attendance record keeping are now long gone!

President Alison also met the enquirer and is following up – with a membership form! Every islander we met knew of the great



community work that Flinders Island Lions do – seeds of thought were planted – even in past members!



Above: Happiness is a hall filling fast!



Above: DG Byron and Linda with the LCFI banner – proudly showing the Club's achievements.

The Lions Club of Flinders Island was chartered in 2000 and sponsored by Hadspen-South Esk Club.

### \*\*\* Happy 21st Birthday \*\*\*

Day 3 – Sunday - again up and early and a short trip (walk) from out accommodation down to the Lady Barron Memorial Hall for the commencement of the '*Tour de Flinders'' LCFI project* – this was the adult section of about 75KM, with the much shorter children's ride (7KM) in the nearby Badger's Head area where there would be much less car traffic, ensuring a slower and safer ride for the children.

This ride was recorded by visiting competitors and hopefully this wonderful place will be publicized in cyclists' magazines Cont'd page 8 ...

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# Club News-



Our District Count

 28 February 2021

 Clubs:
 48

 Membership:
 1029

Membership 31 Jan 2019 ?

 YTD ADD
 51

 YTD DROP
 88

 YTD NET GROWTH
 -37

 YTD NET GROWTH %
 -3.47%

Status: "Transitional" (24 mths)

# King Island Leos First Birthday!

King Island Leos recently celebrated their first birthday with a changeover ceremony at the Currie Harbour Boathouse. The event was attended by parents, members of the Lions Club, and our Young Citizen of the Year, Michael Laskey, who was the official photographer.

Leo Advisor Linda Payne conducted proceedings by explaining the duties involved with each position and asking for each Leo's commitment to the task.

Outgoing President Molly gave an account of her term in office. She stated how Leos began their service early in 2020 with children's activities at the Festival of King Island. Through the COVID months, Leos managed to run a successful "Decorate your mailbox or front gate" competition.

*This will be their entry in the National Leo Project of the Year.* They cleaned a unit at Snodgrass Park in readiness for the next tenant and they put up a Christmas Lights display at Reekara.

King Island Leos are 12 – 18 years old and meet once a month after school. Lions are proud to support the youth of King Island. You can follow their progress on their King Island Leos Facebook page.



Pictured left to right are Incoming President Sarah, outgoing President and newly elected Secretary Molly, and Club Treasurer Lilly. The club's gong was donated by the former Smithton Leo club.



# ----Club News-

# HUGE CHRISTMAS GARAGE SALE LIONS CLUB OF MERSEY DEVONPORT

# As all Lions Club fundraising had been restricted due to the Covid-19 epidemic, members of the Lions Club of Mersey Devonport, decided to hold a Huge Christmas Garage Sale in December 2020.

The venue was the Devonport Show Ground with a suitable building being donated by the Devonport Show Society. *Club members then did flyer drops in the Devonport area and local radio broadcasts, asking for donations of saleable goods.* 

We were amazed at the response and we started collecting all manner of goods ranging from office desks, books, tapestries, sporting equipment, recliner chairs and bric-a-brac. Members sorted and priced items for sale.

# Our Club Food Van was placed outside the building to sell hamburgers, sausages and drinks.

Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> was our first day, 8am to 3pm. Members arrived at 7am to find buyers waiting outside. Due to COVID-19 requirements we had members recording contact details of attending persons and the rush began at 8am. By close at 3pm all members were exhausted but very satisfied of the days proceedings. We had sold a vast majority of items on offer.

### Our Food Van crew had sold out.

On Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> December, the Devonport Farmers market held a twilight market. We reopened our doors, with some new donated items.

We again have great sales and our Food Van again sold out of stock.





#3 Ros Roberts. #4 Dennis and Pam Applebee.

Its great to be a Lion and serve our community.

Above right: Photos show some of the items prior to the Saturday opening.

The photos left & right show items on sale for the Twilight Sale.

Lions appearing in the photos are;

#1 Tony Sutton, Jane Clancy, Noelene Maxwell, Margaret Fay.

#2 Jane Clancy, Noelene Maxwell, Margaret Fay.







# LIONS PEACE POSTER CONTEST 2021/22

# Last year was affected by Covid19 and disappointingly we had only one club participate.

If your Club is considering participating in this worthwhile youth project, now is a good time to contact schools while teachers are doing their planning for the year.

The competition is open to students aged 11, 12 or 13 in November.

Kits should be available soon from Club Supplies at a cost of \$40 including postage.

### This year's theme is: WE ARE ALL CONNECTED.

Teachers today are very busy so please be sure that they are aware of the rules to save disappointment at judging time.

### Rules are clearly set out in the kit.

### The ones that have been ignored are:

- $\Box$  Paper size no smaller than 33x50cm, no larger than 50x60cm.
- $\Box$  Able to be rolled, not folded.
- □ No words or numbers on front.
- □ Nothing attached in any way

Club winning entries to be delivered to District 201T1 Convention in November 2021.

Dawn Gatehouse

201T1 Peace Poster Chair Mob: 0438 652 366 ken.dawn@bigpond.com

# Please try your call again later...

# ...as all lions are currently down

How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer. If you can't think of a word say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of ignorant.

# Kindness in Action

When caring people join together, roll up their sleeves and take action to make their community better, it's a beautiful thing—and an incredible feeling for everyone involved.

That's Lions. Being a Lion is about leading by example, building relationships and improving the world through kindness. It's 1.4 million caring men and women serving together so they can make a lasting impact and change more lives.

# **Our Global Causes**

While each Lions club has its own service focus, there are five global causes of particular interest around the world. These are areas of need identified, and voted on, by members and supported by our association and foundation.

# Diabetes

We serve to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.

# Vision

We serve to prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.

# Hunger

We serve to ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods.

# Environment

We serve to sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the wellbeing of all communities.

# Childhood Cancer

We serve to help those affected by childhood cancer survive and thrive.



WHERE THERE'S A NEED

# 'BEST DAY OF LIFE' FOR FOOTY GREAT!

About twelve months ago the New Norfolk Lions Club made an application to the Tasmanian Lions Foundation for funding for a bronze statue dedicated to the football great Peter Hudson.

It was with some reluctance that the TLF considered the application as details were a bit scarce, however, with the enthusiasm of the of the Club for the project and the likelihood of the statue being a draw card to the town, it was decided that the application would be approved.

With both monies raised by the community and the Tasmanian Government the statue was built and it has been erected in Arthur Square for all to see.

I had the privilege of attending the unveiling to represent the TLF and was surprised at the number of people in attendance. (see photo above right).

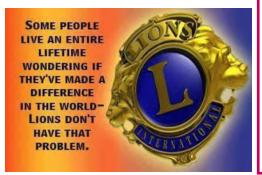
Many there I recognised as football stars from a time when I was playing football and thinking to myself "I wish I were that good".

I was honoured to shake hands with Peter Hudson and he wanted me to thank the Lions for our contribution to the best day of his life.

Both the statue and Peter's football history are available for all to see at New Norfolk.

Why don't you take a trip and have a look.

**Peter Goldstone-James** Tasmanian Lions Foundation Southern Director





# Final Lioness Luncheon

# **Canberra Convention 2021**

Date: Thursday 6th May (prior to the opening of the Convention)

Time: 11.30 am for a 12:00 Noon start Venue: 65 NORTHBOURNE, 65 Northbourne Ave Canberra

Bookings: Via the MD Convention Registration forms when available.

Your Multiple District Committee look forward to welcoming all Lionesses, former Lionesses and their partners to celebrate the amazing legacy of Lionesses in Australia

# WELCOME TO THE LIONS FAMILY...



# IN FEBRUARY 2021

GEORGE TOWN

RUTH PERKINS Sponsor: ?

ROCKY CAPE JOANNA JOLLY Sponsor: VICTORIA COCHRANE

**SMITHTON-CIRCULAR HEAD** 

TELINA DOUST Sponsor: IAN MONSON

ULVERSTONE

DESMOND KEMP Sponsor: WILLIAM MANN

### WESTBURY

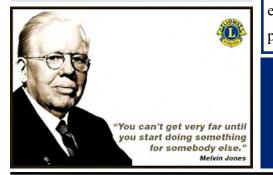
ANDREW STEWART Sponsor: PAUL KILROY



The little boy greeted his grandmother with a hug and said, "I'm so happy to see you grandma. Now maybe daddy will do the trick he has been promising us."

The grandmother was curious. "What trick is that my dear?" she asked.

The little boy replied, "I heard daddy tell mommy that he would climb the walls if you came to visit us again."





LCIF . EMPOWERING SERVICE

As previously noted donations to LCIF by Clubs and Lions is much slower than in previous years attributable to the reduction in Club fund raising.

# To March 1 donations for the year stand at US\$3,564.85.

Past generosity of our Clubs has resulted in a considerable credit for Melvin Jones Fellowships. As at 1 March, Clubs hold sufficient credit for 82 MJFs. The following table details the number of MJFs per Club noting that in a few Clubs [marked \*] part of their credit is held by

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*individual Club members details of which are available on request -*The remaining Clubs not listed have insufficient credit for an MJF and will need to make further donations to establish sufficient credit.

Consider making application to recognize worthy Club members with a MJF or a Progressive MJF for those previously recognised with an MJF.

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# **DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 201T1**

# Copy for the newsletter is required on or before the tenth (10th) of the month of publication.

It is preferred that articles be typed and then submitted for publication by e-mail. Please forward (where possible) photos and newspaper cuttings with your article. Scanned images should be of high quality (300dpi).

Deadline for next issue is: **APRIL 10th** 



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Left: On ya bike, Governor with some competitors

The "*Tour de Flinders*" concluded at "*Wonderland*" – the property of Lions Shane and Dianne Walsh of Lady Barron Coastal Accommodation (booked out when we went to book), with all riders, children and families enjoying a barbecue lunch and refreshments provided by the Lions and friends of Flinders

Island. After the lunch there was an auction of donated goods as well as home cooking which enhanced the coffers of the LCFI and their projects.

Many locals chipped in with generous bids, even your GMT Chair Linda bought a lovely example of Blackwood turning craftwork.

### Right: The Children relaxing in "Wonderland" after their ride

**Day 4 – Monday** - Time to leave Paradise – as we were booked on the last flight out, Linda and I had some time to relax. We headed off up the Lackrana road on a 'Geese spotting' trip where we here able to see some Cape Barren Geese foraging in the pasture lands. Next stop was the legendary morning coffee at the Lady Barren store

coffee at the Lady Barren store with some locals – it seemed like the whole town stopped by!

We were then invited into President Alison's home for some home hospitality and a friendly chat before heading off to the airport and home.



A parting thought...

We wish you all "Geese on Earth" and goodwill to all!



The Final Word...

"It is a curious fact that people are never so trivial as when they take themselves seriously!" – Oscar Wilde

